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FOR: ADAPTIVE, PRODUCT CONTROL AND STABILIZATION
SUB-SYSTEM FOR CAMERA-BASED OPTICAL CHARACTER
RECOGNITION, AND A METHOD OF OPERATING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby desire to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following **PRIOR ART** of which Applicants are aware and which is also listed upon the attached **PTO FORM 1449**:

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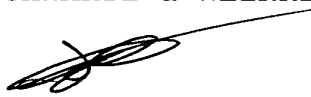
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The present invention, in connection with which the present patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward a flat mail article transportation and stabilization system, and a method of operating the same, for use in conjunction with a camera-based optical character recognition (OCR) or bar code reader (BCR) scanning system, wherein there is provided a serial array of air plenums for effectively creating an air bearing or air layer upon which a conveyor belt and articles of flat mail are conveyed in a relatively frictionless manner. The incoming articles of flat mail are therefore able to be conveyed in a smooth, jitter-free, and stabilized manner whereby scanning, imaging, and reading of the address information contained upon the articles of flat mail, as the articles of flat mail are conveyed past the camera view port, are able to be accurately, clearly, and completely achieved.

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While the cited **PRIOR ART** is relevant to the present invention in that the **PRIOR ART** discloses various camera or imaging systems, it is submitted that such **PRIOR ART** patent publications cited above do not disclose the particular aforementioned features of the present invention, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such **PRIOR ART** in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with completion of the examination of this patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,
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